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Philadelphia on January 12, 1901. On arrival at this station the crew were found well with no evidence of disease among them. As there had been no formal disinfection, however, since the occurrence of the cholera, and as the coolie deck and hospital were found tightly closed, it was decided, in spite of the five months that had elapsed since the last case of cholera, to hold the vessel for disinfection of the coolie deck, hospital, and water tanks. This procedure you sanctioned by telegram. The vessel is now undergoing sulphuring of 'tween-deck space, formaldehyding of hospital, and boiling out of water tanks. She will be pratique at 8 a. m., the 5th instant.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox in Los Angeles, Cal.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., *March 2, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that 3 cases of smallpox have been found in this city during the past week. The first of the 3 cases was found seven days ago—a recent arrival from El Paso, Tex.; the second case occurred four days ago, coming from Tucson, Ariz.; the third case was found two days ago, the origin of this case being unknown. Two previous cases of smallpox were reported to the Bureau by the city health officer, Dr. Powers. In all of the 5 cases the disease has been of the mild type prevalent in many localities throughout the United States; the origin of the cases has been traced in all but 1 case to Texas or New Mexico. The patients came into the city on the railroads.

Through the courtesy of the city health officer, Dr. Powers, I have seen the methods employed in handling these cases and other more common infectious diseases, and beg leave to express the opinion that there is no danger from these smallpox cases to the inhabitants of Los Angeles by reason of the thoroughness of the work of the city health officer.

Respectfully,

HILL HASTINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Train-inspection service at Vanceboro, Me.

VANCEBORO, ME., *February 23, 1901.*

SIR: During the week ended February 23, 1901, I have inspected all passenger trains arriving at this point from Canada. I have found several passengers coming from the vicinity of quarantined districts, all of whom had been recently vaccinated. Since my last report, I have learned of only 1 newly-infected district in a small village about 4 miles from Memramcook. I hope to learn more definitely in a very few days, the exact condition throughout the Province, in which case I will send you a supplementary report.

Respectfully,

M. L. YOUNG,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

VANCEBORO, ME., *March 2, 1901.*

SIR: For the week ended March 2, I have to report inspection of all passenger trains arriving at this point from New Brunswick. I found several passengers without baggage from the vicinity of infected districts, all of whom had been quite recently vaccinated. In reply to